

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Redbud
Cercis canadensis

Typically this tree does not exceed 30' in height. Its crown is broadly ovate, becoming flat topped. It has heart-shaped leaves that are reddish early on becoming dark green and yellow in the fall. The flowers are reddish purple buds which open to rosy pink.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

I hope you are having a warm and wonderful summer, and remembering to water your newly planted trees (2-3 years old) and shrubs. I have been busily working on making a selection for the Community Assistance Forester, so the Urban and Community Forestry Program can provide the service the citizens of Washington expect and deserve. On page two, you can read more about the final decision. In the past couple of weeks I have gotten several inquiries about the requirements and deadline for the Tree City USA application. The four requirements include: 1) an ordinance dealing with trees, 2) a tree board or commission, 3) \$2 per capita spending on tree-related matters, and 4) a proclamation and celebration of Arbor Day. The applications must be in my office by December 31. I know it is a bit early to be talking about this, but now is the perfect time to start getting your records in order for the application. Be well. -K.L.

PNW-ISA "Gets to the Point!" in Tacoma

The International Society of Arboriculture's Pacific Northwest Chapter is celebrating their 20th Anniversary September 19-22, in Tacoma at their Annual Training Conference. The Conference is being held at Point Defiance Park and the Tacoma Convention Center. This year's event promises to be one of the best ever, with interesting speakers, good food, and special events. Dr. Robert Miller, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, will be giving the keynote address. Dr. Jay Stipes, noted Dutch Elm Disease expert, and ISA President Dr. Gary Watson will also be on hand. On Sunday, September 19, you can watch PNW-ISA climbers compete in the annual Jamboree for a chance to represent the Chapter at the International Tree Climbing Championships. Monday, September 20, will take place at Point Defiance Park with clinics, demonstrations, and educational opportunities for tree stewards of all experience levels. The final two days of the Conference will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center and will feature numerous educational opportunities. Meanwhile, the industry trade show will give conference attendees a chance to visit with producers and retailers of some of the finest tree-care equipment on the market. ISA Certified Arborists can receive an estimated 15 CEUs for attending the entire conference, and additional credits are being offered for a special Sunday "Tree Academy." Earlybird registration ends August 15, so sign up now. More detailed conference information and registration forms can be obtained from PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.

Forest Owners' Field Day in Eastern Washington

by Steve Gibbs

Several hundred people who own forest land in eastern Washington and north Idaho are expected to attend a Forest Owners' Field Day near Chewelah in Stevens County on Saturday, September 18. DNR, WSU Cooperative Extension, and several other agencies and organizations sponsor two of these "out in the woods" educational events each year.

The event is open to everyone, however, topics are aimed specifically at forest landowners. Topics which will be repeated every hour throughout the day include: reforestation and plantation care; wildlife habitat enhancement; forest health; thinning and pruning; special forest products; fire in the forest; and timber marketing. Live demonstrations will include: small scale logging with an ATV and tractor-mounted winch; horse logging demonstration; portable sawmill demonstration; and mechanized harvesting. Advanced sessions on forest health, forest measurements and growth projections will also be available for more experienced landowners.

Walk-in registration is welcome, however, participants will save by registering in advance. Advance registration is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple or ownership group of two or more persons. At the door registration is \$20 and \$30 respectively. An optional barbecue lunch is available for \$8.50 but must be ordered in advance of the event. The "advanced" sessions also require confirmed reservations in advance.

To have a copy of the field day brochure and registration form sent to you, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800- 523-TREE or e-mail your name and address to: forest_stewardship@wadnr.gov. Information and a registration forms are also available on the Internet at <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/fieldday.htm>

In the works (continued)

No town can fail of beauty, though its walks were gutters and its houses hovels, if venerable trees make magnificent colonnades along its streets.

-Henry Ward Beecher

TRIVIA: What is the only part of the municipal infrastructure that actually increases its value as it gets older?

(answer is upside down below)

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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(The Trees)

Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program

The Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program awards funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to promote public awareness and a spirit of volunteerism in support of tree planting, maintenance, management, protection, and cultivation projects in rural areas, communities, and urban areas throughout the United States. Funding is awarded through an annual competitive process. Applications are due October 1, the year before the project/program is to be implemented. To receive a complete copy of the Application Packet for Year 2000 Funding, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE or e-mail urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.

New Community Assistance Forester At Your Service

Many of you may remember the announcement, from several months ago, for the Community Assistance Forester position with the DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program. Well, the long and exhaustive recruitment process will finally be over when Sarah Foster reports for work August 16. Sarah brings a mixture of strong communication skills and solid technical knowledge to the DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program. She has honed these skills over the past three years as a service area representative with Asplundh Tree Care Company. During her time at Asplundh she also acquired her ISA Arborist Certification. I am very pleased with the selection that was made, and I am certain you will be too. If you would like to take a moment to welcome her to our team, she can be reached at (360) 902-1704.

Building Cities of Green in Seattle

The 1999 National Urban Forest Conference comes to the Westin Hotel in "The Emerald City" August 31 through September 3, 1999. Washington State is the ideal location for this type of conference because it contains magnificent rivers, majestic mountains, and splendid forests, but it is also one of the the fastest urbanizing areas in the country with most, if not all, of the problems associated with growth. The big question is, "How can we maintain the natural splendor in the face of this rapid growth?" During the four-day Conference, attendees will work through some of the common problems afflicting communities around the country and learn about solutions they can put on the ground when they get home. This will be accomplished through a mixture of educational workshops, tours of local problems and solutions, and some excellent lecture panels. Some of the keynote speakers who have been invited to kick-off the Conference are Vice President Al Gore, Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck, and Seattle Mayor Paul Schell, to name a few. If you would like a copy of the Conference brochure and schedule, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733, and leave your name and a mailing address. The Conference is being organized by American Forests and its presenting sponsors are Eddie Bauer and the USDA Forest Service. For program information, visit www.americanforests.org.

August

27-29 Farwest Show. Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. For complete exhibitor list, or to register on-line, log on to <http://www.nurseryguide.com/farwest/index.html> or call 1-800-342-6401.

31-3 *Building Cities of Green* 9th National Urban Forest Conference. Westin Hotel, Seattle, WA.

September

11-15 Society of American Foresters' Annual Convention. Portland, OR. To learn more, visit SAF's website at www.safnet.org or contact Stephanie Dolan, Convention Coordinator, at (301) 897-8720.

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